Claims

Pharmaceutical compositions comprising at least one compound of the formulas
 (Ia) or (Ib) and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier which is useful in a medicine.

$$R^2$$
 HO
 OH
 Ia
 HO
 OH
 Ib

wherein the symbols, indices and substituents have the following meaning

R¹=H, CN, NO₂, CF₃, F, Cl, Br, I, CH₃

R²=H, CN, NO₂, CF₃, F, Cl, Br, I, CH₃, Et, n-Pr, i-Pr, n-Bu, t-Bu, phenyl, thienyl, furyl, thiazolyl and

either R¹ or R² must be H

R³=H, CN, NO₂, CF₃, F, Cl, Br, I, CH₃, Et, n-Pr, i-Pr, n-Bu, t-Bu, phenyl, thienyl, furyl, thiazolyl

(a)

with m = 0,1; n = an integer from 1 to 6

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(b)

with R⁴ being H, CH₃, CH₂CH₃

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c)

(E or Z double bond)

with R^5 being H, NO_2 , CF_3 , F, Cl, Br, I, CN, CH_3 , NH_2 , NHAlkyl, NHAryl, NHAcyl and -K- being -S- or -O-

and T being O, S or [H,H]

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(d)

with -E- being -(CH₂-)_kNH- and k=0, 1, 2, 3 and with q being an integer from 1 to 6 - Y =

$$R^7$$
 $W-R^6$
 R^8
 R^9a
 R^9a

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with s being 0 or 1,

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R⁶ being CO₂H, CO₂Alkyl, CO₂Aryl, CO₂NH₂, CO₂Aralkyl, SO₃H, SO₂NH₂, PO(OH)₂, 1-H-tetrazolyl-, CHO, COCH₃, CH₂OH, NH₂, NHAlkyl, N(Alkyl)Alkyl', OCH₃, CH₂OCH₃, SH, F, Cl, Br, I, CH₃, CH₂CH₃, CN, CF₃

 R^7 independently from R^6 being H, CH₃, CH₂CH₃, CF₃, F, Cl, Br, I, CN, NO₂ and R^8 independently from R^6 and R^7 being H, CH₃, CH₂CH₃, CF₃, F, Cl, Br, I, CN, NO₂, R^6

R^{9a} being H, NO₂, CF₃, F, Cl. Br, I, CN, CH₃, OCH₃, SH, NH₂

t being 0,1,2

and -W- = -(CH₂-)_v, cis-CH=CH- or trans-CH=CH-, and v being 0,1,2;

in case that $R^6 = NH_2 R^7$ or R^8 or R^{9a} must not be H;

in case that -W- is cis-CH=CH- or trans-CH=CH-, R⁶ must not be NH₂ or SH;

-Z =

R^{9b} independently from R^{9a} being H, NO₂, CF₃, F, Cl. Br, I, CN, CH₃, OCH₃, SH, NH₂.

or the pharmaceutically acceptable salts, esters or amides and prodrugs of the above identified compounds of formulas (Ia) or (Ib).

2. Pharmaceutical compositions according to claim 1, wherein the compounds are defined by formulas (A1), (B1), (A2) or (B2)

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wherein -X- and -Y are like defined above and wherein -X'- is

and wherein -Y' is

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with R¹⁰ being CO₂H, CO₂alkyl, CO₂aryl, CO₂NH₂, CO₂aralkyl, CH₂SO₃H, CH₂SO₂NH₂, CH₂PO(OH)₂, 1-H-tetrazolyl, CHO, COCH₃, CH₂OH, CH₂NH₂, CH₂NHalkyl, CH₂N(alkyl)alkyl', CH₂OCH₃, CH₂SH,

 R^{11} being CO_2H , CO_2 alkyl, CO_2 aryl, CO_2 NH₂, CO_2 aralkyl, SO_3H , SO_2 NH₂, $PO(OH)_2$, 1-H-tetrazolyl, CHO, COCH₃, OH, NH₂, NHalkyl, N(alkyl)alkyl', OCH₃, SH

3. Pharmaceutical compositions according to claim 1, wherein the compounds are defined by formulas (C) or (D)

- 5 wherein -X'- and -Y' are defined like in claim 2.
 - 4. Pharmaceutical compositions according to claim 2 and/or 3, comprising at least one compound of formula (A1), (A2), (B1), (B2), (C) or (D).
- 5. Compounds according to claim 3 having the general structure of formula (C).
 - 6. Compounds according to claim 3 having the general structure of formula (D).
- 7. Method of inhibiting the binding of P-selectin, L-selectin or E-selectin to sLe^x or sLe^a and tyrosinesulfate residues comprising the step of administering to a patient an effective amount of at least one compound having the structure of formulas (Ia) or (Ib) as defined in claim 1.
- Use of compounds having the structure of formulas (Ia) or (Ib) as defined in claim
 1 for the preparation of a medicine for the treatment of a patient, inhibiting the binding of P-selectin, L-selectin or E-selectin to sLe^x or sLe^a and tyrosinesulfate residues.
- Use of compounds having the structure of formulas (Ia) or (Ib) as defined in claim
 1 for the preparation of a medicine for the treatment, diagnosis or prophylaxis of

inflammatory disorders and other medical conditions where selectin mediated processes play a role.

5 10. Use of compounds having the structure of formulas (Ia) or (Ib) as defined in claim 1 for the preparation of a vehicle for drug targeting of diagnostics or therapeutics.